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1. A member of the Uruguayan Communist Party (PCU) Executive Committee has stated that, pursuant to instructions from higher levels, the PCU will require the following from cells and labor groups under control of the Union General de Trabajadores (UGT):
 - (a) Formation of committees in all places of work where there are more than 10 Communist employees;
 - (b) Communist instruction in factories and industries, and in offices, and branches of the government, where conditions permit;
 - (c) Continuation of work stoppages, and strikes, eventually arriving at total paralyzation;
 - (d) Contacts and meetings between Party leaders and Communist factory and industry groups, and between these groups and the non-Communist workers in these localities;
 - (e) Full support for the UGT and detailed work on problems which affect workers and the poor, including obtaining details on salaries, cost of living, rent, and clothing.
2. The information collected by fulfillment of task (e) above will be used to compile a so-called "census of poverty," to afford material for intense propaganda, and to serve as background information in the campaigns for peace, against the military agreement, and for closer relations with the USSR.
3. Efforts of the Party at present under way are intended to lead to a total work stoppage, and, if that proves impossible, then to the paralyzation of as many industries as possible.
4. According to another member of the Executive Committee, the PCU has received new orders, the principal characteristics of which are as follows:
 - (a) To conduct as soon as possible a census of Party members, Party followers, Party collaborators, and of all other persons who in any way help the Party;

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- (b) To attempt to attain credit or a loan up to 300,000 Uruguayan pesos;
 - (c) To gain closer contact with other Latin American Communist Parties;¹
 - (d) To increase "peace" propaganda through the (Communist) press and through the use of wall posters;
 - (e) To work for closer relations between Uruguay and the USSR; and
 - (f) To increase the number of parties and meetings for which a charge is made to increase PCU revenue, propaganda, and supporters.
5. According to a prominent PCU member in Montevideo, the Party will launch a financial campaign for 300,000 Uruguayan pesos. This same man implied that financial help comes from the Soviet Legation in Montevideo. He also stated that since the Brazilian Communist Party was outlawed, Uruguay had taken on importance for the Communists as a center for communications to Communist Parties in all Latin America.
 6. In a discussion of Communist aid to workers involved in the recently terminated textile strike, a woman Communist leader declared in effect that it did not require acuteness to realize the origin of funds required for such aid, and that sufficient money was available to sponsor not only one but several strikes for as long a time as would prove necessary.² She stated that without such aid (from the exterior) the PCU would not be able to support strikes or pursue its present "fighting" policy.
 7. According to a Spanish Communist in Montevideo, there is considerable monetary aid available, which allows the PCU to support strikes.
 8. A PCU leader closely connected with the Party's financial matters stated the following: "The truth is that we are in debt to our eyebrows, and that, if it were not for exterior aid, the Communist Party in Uruguay could not continue, because of the financial impossibility."

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1. This remark about closer co-ordination of Latin American Communist Parties was made in the context of anti-United States propaganda.
2. In a bid for support from workers in that industry, the PCU gave extensive propaganda and material support to striking textile workers. The strike was recently settled, contrary to the wishes of the PCU.

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